(g) The project will be taken up as soon as the co-sharers comeforth with their shares.

Extension of railway lines in the North-Eastern region

*551. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of budget allotment for the year 1998-99 for opening and extension of railway lines in the North-Eastern region;

(b) the amount of fund allotment to each work for each State of North-Eastern region;

(c) what are the funds earmarked for Diphu-Karong/Imphal new railway line and when this will be started; and

(d) the names of the new lines or railway works of the North-Eastern region given concurrence by the planning Commission?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) the total amount allotted for new lines in the North Eastern Region in the budget 1998-99 is Rs. 99.89 crs. and for Gauge Conversion works is Rs. 81.11 crs.

(b) The details of workwise allotments for each work in the North Eastern Region are given below:—

Name of Project	Outlay, 1998-99 Rs. in crs.
New Line	
Jogighopa-Guwahati	66.897
Dudhnoi-Depa	1.0
Kumarghat-Agartala	20.0
Bogibeel bridge	2.0
*Diphu-Karong	0.001
Harmuti-Itanagar	10.0
TOTAL	99.898
Gauge Conversions	
Lumding-Dibrugarh	41.11
Lumding-Silchar	40.0
*New Jalpaiguri-Siliguri	0.001
*Katakhal-Bairabhi	0.001
TOTAL	81.112

* These works are yet to receive the recquisite clearances. Outlays can be provided only after the clearances become available.

(c) Since the recquisite clearances for this project have not yet been received, only token outlay has been shown. Funds will be provided once the clearances are received. The work can be taken up only after that.

(d) The projects of construction of new lines from Jogighopa to Guwahati is already in progress. The proposed new lines from Dudhnoi to Depa, Harmuti to Itanagar, Kumarghat to Agartala and Bogibheel bridge have already received the requisite clearances. These are yet to be obtained for Diphu-Karong. As regards gauge conversion projects, work is in progress on Lumding-Dibrugarh and Lumding-Silchar while clearances are yet to be obtained for Kathakal-Bhairabhi Gauge Conversion and New Jalpaiguri-New Bongaigaon Gauge Conversion Projects.

Changes in Coastal Regulation Zone Ruels

*552. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government had requested the Central Government to take steps to make some changes in the Coastal Regulation Zone Rules:

(b) if so, what are the changes that are proposed by the Kerala Government; and